

Bible Study Through
ROMANS
with Dr. Dave Newton



OUTLINE

Chaps 1-8

FAITH

1-3 Recognize our sin

BIG Problem!

4-5 How is one saved

BIG Gift!

6-8 Process of sanctification

NOW you know!

Chaps 9-11

HOPE Can God love us without rescinding His Holy nature?

9 Israel's history

10 Israel's current situation

11 Israel's future

Chaps 12-16

LOVE The *process of sanctification* in our lives.

12 Service to others

13 Respect government

14-15 One's conscience

16 Greetings/salutations

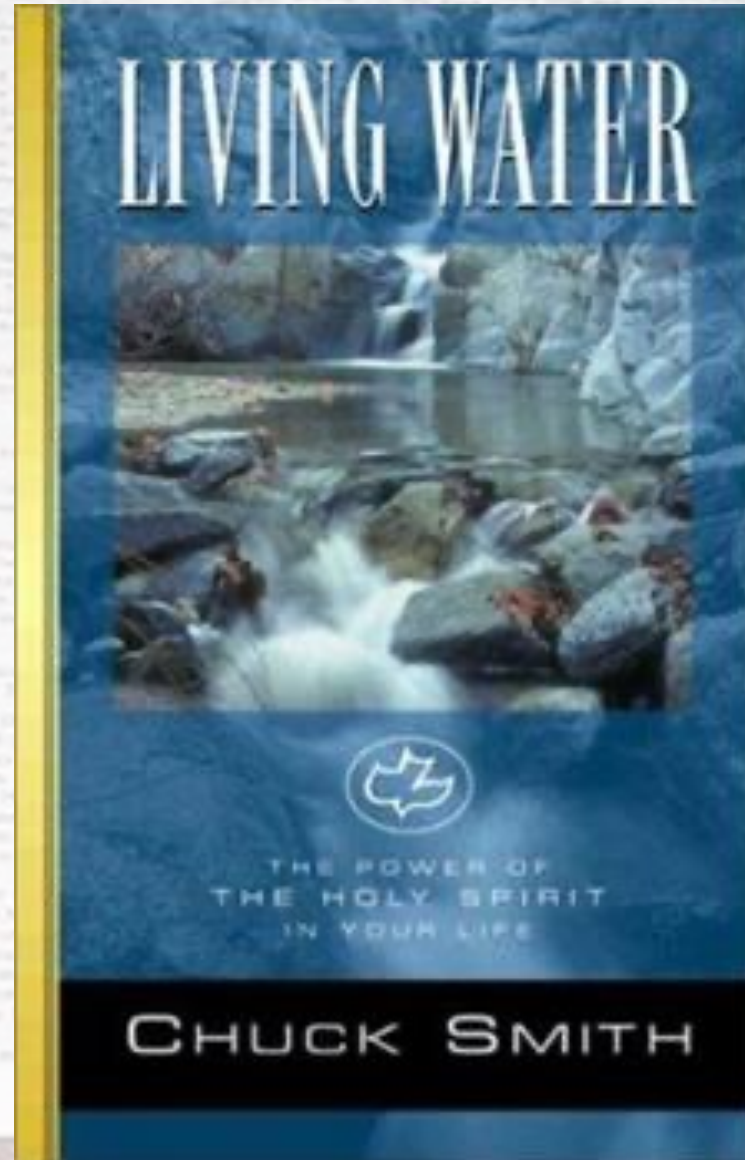
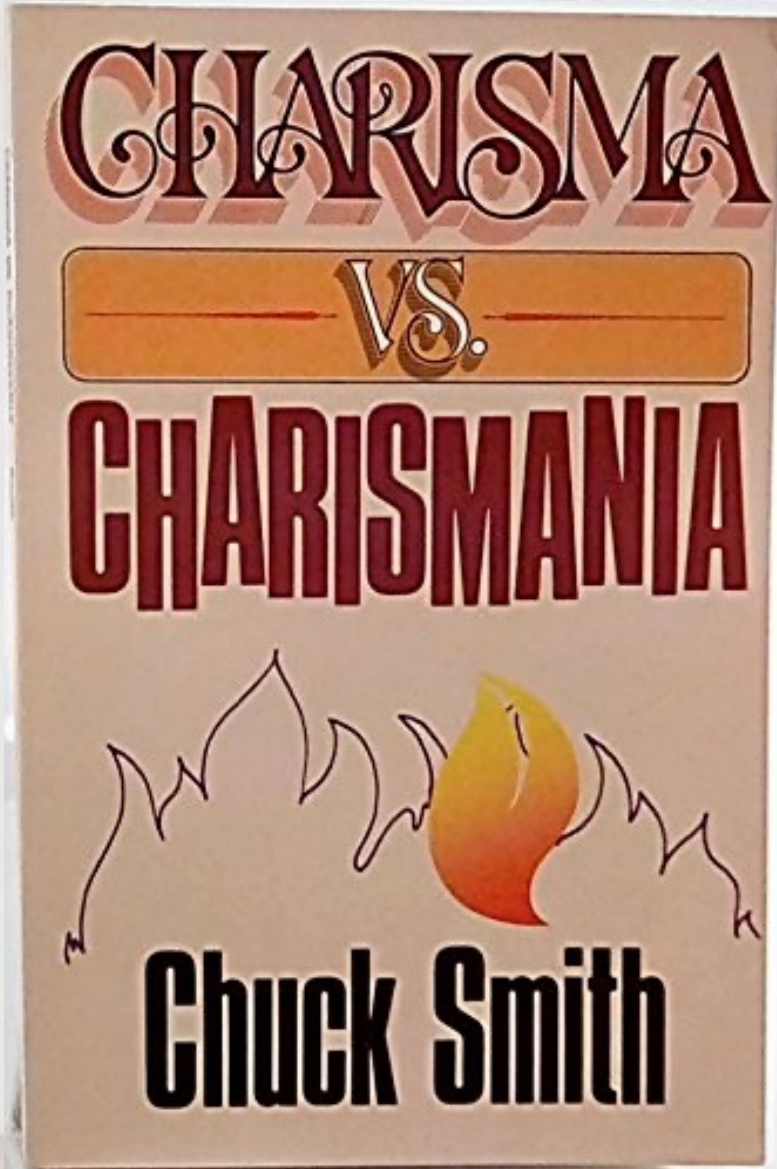
TONIGHT'S PLAN

CAPITVLVM XIII

- Civil Liberties
- Resist Authority?
- Conscience Subjection
- Ignore Authority / Actively Speak Against Authority?
- How Does Subjection Work?
- Example of Taxes
- Darkness and Light

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great reads about gifts



Romans 13:1-4

[segue] FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD."

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Every person is to ***be in subjection*** to the ***governing authorities***.

For there is no authority except from God

and those ***[governing authorities]*** which exist are ***established by God***

Therefore whoever ***resists authority*** has ***opposed the ordinance of God*** and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves

Civil Liberties - *"be in subjection to"*

ὑποτάσσω *hupo-tasso* "arrange/align in orderly manner underneath"

Same as **Eph. 5:22** husbands and wives *hupotasso* to one another

INTERESTING did not use *hupo-kouo* "obey" [Eph. 6:1 children **obey** parents / 6:5 slaves **obey** masters]

YES under the Laws that govern civil society

BUT required to obey everything mandated?



John Mellencamp - 1983

I fight Authority, Authority always wins

Well I've been doing it since I was a young kid
and I come out grinnin'

When I fight Authority, Authority always wins

I called up my preacher I say, "Give me strength for Round-5"
He said, "You don't need no strength, you need to grow up son"
I said, "Growin' up leads to growin' old and then to dyin'
Oh and dyin' to me don't sound like all that much fun"

Romans 13:1-4

For rulers are *not a cause of fear* for **good behavior** - but for **evil** [behavior]

Do you want to have no fear of Authority?

Do what is good and you will have praise from the same [that Authority]

for it [Authority] is **a minister of God to you for good**

διάκονος [diakonos = deacon = “one who serves”]

But if you do what is **evil**, be afraid - for it [Authority] does not bear the sword for nothing for it is a **minister of God**, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices **evil**

διάκονος

separation

πράσσω

prasso

3 Biblical Evidences:

Law re: LIBERTY

Everything not specifically forbidden is okay [Laws against]

Law re: CONSCIENCE

Not everything that is “Lawful” is good for you [1st Cor. 10:23]

[1st Cor. 6:12]

Law re: LOVE

Everything with respect to Christian brothers and sisters

interact with authority

Acts 4:18-21 When they had summoned Peter and John, they **commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus**. But Peter and John answered, **“Whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than God, you be the judge - for we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard.”**

Acts 23:1-5 Paul looking intently at the Council said, “Brethren, I have lived my life with a **perfectly good conscience** before God to this day.” The high priest Ananias commanded those standing beside Paul to **strike him on the mouth**. Then Paul said, God is going to strike you, **you whitewashed wall!** Do you sit to **try me according to the Law and in violation of the Law order me struck?**” The bystanders said, Do you revile God’s high priest?” Paul said, “I was not aware, brethren he was high priest for it is written, ‘YOU SHALL NOT SPEAK EVIL OF A RULER OF YOUR PEOPLE.’”

verse-11 You were **my witness here**, now you will **also be my witness in Rome**

Acts 28:19 I [Paul] was compelled to appeal to Caesar [his legal right under Roman civil law]

more on authority

Matthew 11:11 *Jesus said, "No one born of woman greater than John the Baptist, but he who is least in kingdom of heaven is greater than he".*
[while John is in prison for openly calling out sin in the king's life]

Proverbs 16:12 *It is an abomination for kings to commit wicked acts, for their **throne is established in righteousness*** [free will of individuals]

Proverbs 20:28 *Loyalty and truth preserve the king, he upholds **his throne in righteousness***

Proverbs 29:20 *If a ruler pays attention to falsehood, all his ministers become wicked*

Ecclesiastes 10:2 *Wise man's heart directs him to RIGHT, foolish man's heart directs him to LEFT*

more on authority

1st Timothy 2:1-4 *First of all then I urge that entreaties, prayers, petitions, thanksgivings be made on behalf of all men - **for kings and all who are in Authority** so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

1st Peter 2:13-17 *Submit to every human institution, whether king or governors
Honor ALL people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king*

Psalms 2:10-11 *Kings, show discernment, take warning judges of the earth, rejoice with trembling*

Colossians 1:16-17 *For by Him ALL things were created – thrones dominions rulers authorities
He is before ALL things and by Him ALL things hold together*

RESULT: We are subject to and live by federal U.S. laws, our Constitution, state laws, traffic laws
We are not subject to a specific person or persons

So Dave, what about: Mask mandates? Vaccine mandates? Booster requirements?

Sex-Ed curriculum? Access to contraceptives? Abortion notification?

Romans 13:5-7

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The Misguided History of

AMERICAN TAXES

*The Origins, Rationales, and Madness That
Limit Freedom and Reduce Economic Growth*

Foreword by FRED BARNES

Therefore it is necessary *to be in subjection*
not only because of wrath - but also for conscience' sake

For *because of this you also pay TAXES*
for *rulers* are servants of God devoting themselves to this very thing.

Render to all what is due them - tax to whom tax *is due*
custom to whom custom - fear to whom fear - honor to whom honor

Reminder **Matt. 22:21 - Mark 12:17 - Luke 20:25**

Question: *Is it lawful to pay a poll-tax to Caesar?*

Jesus said: *Caesar's image is on the coin, so render
to him what is due to him in Authority.
God's image is in you, so render unto God
what is due to Him in Authority over you*

We have legal obligations in life - We have spiritual obligations too

Romans 13:8-10

Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another
for ***he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the Law***

For this: - YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY - YOU SHALL NOT MURDER
 - YOU SHALL NOT STEAL - YOU SHALL NOT COVET

and if there is any other commandment, ***it is summed up in this saying***
"YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF"

This is the summation of what the specific legal-specs point toward

EACH action of adultery, murder, stealing, coveting would NEVER happen in first place IF a person's actions flowed from AGAPE toward others

Love does no wrong to a neighbor - therefore love is the fulfillment of the Law

NO fear about Authority when daily life is guided by AGAPE

our founders

Willful/Intentional civil disobedience [1776] *The unanimous Declaration of the 13 united states of America, **when in the course of human events** it becomes necessary for one people to **dissolve** the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which **impel them to the separation**.*

*That to secure these rights, **Governments are instituted among Men**, deriving their just powers from the **consent of the governed** - that whenever any form of Government becomes destructive of these ends it is the **Right of the People to alter or to abolish it** and to institute new Government laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness.*

*Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should **not be changed for light and transient causes**; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more **disposed to suffer**, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed*

recent example

John MacArthur – Grace Church in Sunland, CA

City, County, and State said ‘SHUT DOWN’ for Covid

Church entity resisted government

Grace WON its legal challenge in court

State and Federal courts issued permanent injunctions

Church awarded \$800,000 in legal fees

February 2021

U.S. Supreme court struck down California ban on indoor services

“If it’s okay for Costco and Home Depot, it’s okay for churches”

June 2021

California legislature appropriated \$6M for expected legal losses

Romans 13:11-14

Do **THIS** [*agape love*] knowing the time - that it is already the hour for you to **awaken from sleep** for now salvation is nearer to us than when we [*initially*] believed

The **NIGHT** is almost gone and the **DAY** is near
Therefore let us lay aside the **deeds of darkness** and put on the **armor of light**

Knowing the time - *when we believed [that exact time we can't point back to]*
καιρός kairos [not chronos = chronological] but a specific/designated TIME

Justification is <i>past tense</i>	[were delivered from the penalty/wages of sin]
Sanctification is <i>present tense</i>	[on-going deliverance from the power of sin]
Glorification is <i>future tense</i>	[we will be permanently delivered from the presence of sin]

armor of Light

Romans 13:11-14

Reminder: Ephesians 6:11-18 *Put on [intentionally] the **full armor of God** so you can stand
Wrestle is not against flesh and blood . . . BUT SPIRITUAL!!*

- girded in Truth
- breastplate of Righteousness
- feet Prep. of Gospel
- shield of Faith
- helmet of Salvation
- sword of Spirit

Let us behave **properly as in the DAY** - not in [dark] carousing and drunkenness
not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy [*these happen in the dark*]

But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make NO provision for the flesh in regard to *its* lusts

Reminder: Ephesians 5:3-21

verse-8	<i>You were formerly darkness but now you are Light in the Lord</i>
verse-11	<i>Do not participate in unfruitful deeds of darkness</i>
verse-13	<i>All things become visible when exposed by the Light</i>
verse-14	<i>Awake sleeper, arise from dead, Christ will shine on you</i>

summary

Reminder:	Exodus	Hebrew midwives refused the edict to murder newborn babies
	Acts	Peter, James, Paul, Silas often hard charges brought against them stood on trial, rulings/mandates handed down, imprisoned Paul “escaped” Authority by being lowered over wall in basket
	Matthew	Magi disobeyed Herod’s request to return after Bethlehem
	Daniel	Defied the king and continued to pray to God [would not bow to statue]
	WWII	Swedes, Dutch, French, Norwegians, Italians hid Jews from Nazis
	What about?	Wilberforce [slavery], Knox [Queen Mary], Luther [Pope], Polycarp [Emperor]

Defying a law for moral/spiritual/religious reasons CAN BE act of civil disobedience

However, it may have legal consequences [peaceful protest vs. violence?]

Arrested after a “sit-in” vs. Going to war with the British Empire
56 men signed the DECLARATION
- 25 lawyers - 11 merchants - 5 farmers
- 4 plantation owners – musician – printer

Benjamin Franklin, “We must indeed hang together, or most assuredly, we will all hang separately”

summary

We ARE under legal *Authority*

Paul wrote to Christians living in a civilized Roman society

49 AD Claudius expelled Jews from Rome for worshipping “Chrestus”

54 AD Nero comes to power and rescinded the edict – Jews moved back

There were already strong resistance to Roman taxes

Paul did not want to see Christians associated with anti-Romans laws

At what point has government pushed too far, too hard, and we push back?

- Mennonites
- Conscientious objector
- Pacifist
- “sit in”
- Rosa Parks
- MLK
- Militant resistance
- Revolution

Government in place because foreknew it – allowed for it

Government by definition of the people, by the people, for the people

[Whims of a single politician or judge vs. spirit of the Constitution]

Next Monday
November 8th

ROMANS

CAPITVLVM XIV

Key Principles of
Our Conscience

HOME STRETCH

Monday - November 15th

Romans 15 part 1

Monday - November 22nd

Romans 15 part 2

Monday - November 29th

Romans 16

Monday - December 6th

Summary with Dinner

Monday - December 13th

All Church FIO Christmas

“When Was Jesus Born?”

